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### MISCELLANEOUS NOTES

**Medical Notes for the tropical collector.**—One who has had any experience collecting in warmer climates will appreciate the notes on medicines contributed by E. B. Williamson<sup>1</sup> in his account of "A Collecting Trip to Colombia, South America." For warding off fever he took four grains of quinine a day in four doses. His one light attack was cured by increasing the dose for a few days to about fifteen grains per day. For amoebic dysentery paregoric in frequent doses and alcresta ipecac were used from the start. Paregoric was discontinued when no longer needed and ipecac, equivalent to four hundred grains, was taken at the rate of sixty grains per day. This effected a prompt cure. For red bugs (harvest mites) cresol compound, which can be gotten under various trade names and is used as a dip or wash for live stock, was mixed with about ten parts of water and sponged all over the body morning and evening, allowing it to dry on. Williamson says this is a splendid antiseptic and is also of value as a local anaesthetic allaying irritation caused by bites of various insects. Aqua ammonia was found useful for relieving pain caused by more severe bites. Scratches and wounds were cleansed and rubbed with a bit of gauze or cotton soaked in a solution of one hundred and twenty grains of resorcin and twenty grains of salicylic acid in eight ounces of fifty per cent. alcohol. Iodine was used on sore toe-nails due to too much wading. It was found helpful to dust into the dry socks each evening a mixture of talcum powder, powdered alum, and sulphur. "Dobie itch" was successfully cured with balsam of Peru after iodine and boracic acid had failed. Salol was used as an intestinal disinfectant in dysentery, and the present writer can vouch for its value from his own experiences in the Isle of Pines.

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<sup>1</sup> Museum of Zoology, Univ. Mich., Miscel. Publ. No. 3, 1918.